

Remarks

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 2, 2007.

We thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 38-40 and 44-46 and for the indication of allowability of claims 5, 6, 15, 16 and 33-36. Claims 5, 15 and 33 have been rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the claims which were indicated allowable in the May 10, 2007 Office Action. In addition, claims 9 and 19 have been amended to include the limitations to the independent claims 1 and 13, which were made in response to the May 10, 2007 Action, but which the Examiner deemed as unpersuasive. Accordingly, all the claims now pending have been indicated to be allowable by the Examiner or depend from claims which are either allowed or allowable and accordingly we respectfully submit are all allowable.

With respect to the objection to the Figures, the Applicant has amended Figures 2 and 3 in order to comply with the Examiner's request, although we continue to maintain that such an amendment is not necessary. However, as this does not diminish the scope of the application, and as such will obtain allowance, we enclose the amended figures to overcome the rejections. Support for the amendments to Figure 2 may be found in the specification at page 7, lines 14-23. Support for the amendments to Figure 3 may be found in the specification at page 8, lines 17-24.

Accordingly, we therefore submit that the application is now ready for allowance and a Notice of Allowance is hereby requested.

No fee is believed due for this submission. However, Applicant authorizes the Commissioner to debit any required fee from Deposit Account No. 501593, in the name of Borden Ladner Gervais LLP.

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The Commissioner is further authorized to debit any additional amount required, and to credit any overpayment to the above-noted deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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